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TEXT OF FOLLOWING LETTER APPEARED IN JULY 22 EDITION OF
ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER CHINA POST: BEGIN QUOTE:

TO DR. BILLY GRAHAM, MONTREAT, N. C. 28757.
DEAR DOCTOR GRAHAM:
WE HAVE BEEN ASTONISHED TO LEARN THIS WEEK THAT A
REPORT IS BEING GIVEN WIDE CIRCULATION IN THE UNITED
STATES OVER TV AND IN THE PRESS TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE
IS NO FREEDOM OF RELIGION IN TAIWAN. WHERE IT STARTED
AND WHY IT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED, WE DO NOT KNOW. BUT IT
IS COMPLETELY FALSE.
YOU CAME TO TAIWAN TO HOLD YOUR FIRST CRUSADE IN
1956. IT WAS HELD IN THE LARGEST STADIUM THEN AVAILABLE,
IN THE HEART OF TAIPEI, NEAR THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE.
THERE WAS COMPLETE FREEDOM FOR YOU AND ALL CHRISTIANS
CONNECTED WITH THE CRUSADE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL OF JESUS
CHRIST WITH EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER HE WAS SOLDIER
OR CIVILIAN, BUDDHIST OR CONFUCIAN.
IN 1975 THE SECOND BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE WAS HELD IN
TAIPEI. THE GOVERNMENT ADVANCED THE DATES OF ITS
SCHEULED PROVINCIAL ATHLETIC MEET SO AS TO MAKE THE
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MUNICIPAL STADIUM AVAILABLE FOR THE DATES THE CRUSADE
REQUESTED. IN SPITE OF RAIN, THE TURNOUT WAS TREMENDOUS,
WITH 50,000 COMING NIGHTLY. MORE THAN 12,000 MADE
DECISIONS FOR CHRIST.

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THESE TWO CRUSADES ARE NOT ISOLATED EXAMPLES OF
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WE ENJOY IN TAIWAN. SINCE THE FALL OF
THE CHINESE MAINLAND TO THE COMMUNISTS IN 1949, MISSIONARIES
HAVE COME TO TAIWAN BY THE HUNDREDS TO SERVE IN CHURCHES,
SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, ORPHANAGES, AND IN MASS COMMUNICATIONS.
THERE HAS BEEN FREEDOM TO EVANGELIZE IN THE HIGH MOUNTAINS
AMONG ABORIGINAL TRIBES AND IN THE BURGEONING URBAN
CENTERS WHERE NEW CHURCHES APPEAR DAILY IN THE RAPIDLY-
GROWING RESIDENTIAL SUBURBS. IN TAIPEI ALONE THERE ARE
OVER 300 PROTESTANT CHURCHES.
CHINESE PASTORS AND EVANGELISTS HAVE ALSO COMPLETE
FREEDOM TO HOLD UNITED CAMPAIGNS IN CITIES ALL OVER
TAIWAN. SINCE THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK
TWO YEARS AGO, MORE THAN 25 CITYWIDE CRUSADES HAVE BEEN
HELD, SPONSORED BY LOCAL CHURCHES, WITH 10,000 DECISIONS
FOR CHRIST.
CHRISTIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS CARRY ON AGGRESSIVE
EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH ON EVERY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY
CAMPUS IN TAIWAN. DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS, STUDENT
RETREATS AND CONFERENCES ARE HELD THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND,
WITH THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING. EACH YEAR
MORE THAN 200 NEW STUDENTS ENTER THE 15 DIFFERENT SEMINARIES
IN TAIWAN TO PREPARE FOR FULL-TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS TRAINED

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DURING THE PAST YEAR A HERE'S LIFE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN
DEVELOPING IN TAIPEI AND THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND. THIS
MONTH 8,000 CHRISTIAN WORKERS ARE BEING TRAINED TO DO
PERSONAL WORK WHEN THE CAMPAIGN REACHES ITS CLIMAX IN
AUGUST.
NEED WE SAY MORE? THESE ARE ONLY A FEW ILLUSTRATIONS
OF THE KIND OF FREEDOM WE ENJOY IN THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA, TO BELIEVE AS WE FEEL LED BY THE DICTATES OF CONSCIENCE
AND TO SHARE THAT FAITH WITH OTHERS.
IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU DO TO CONVEY TO PRESIDENT
JIMMY CARTER AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE TRUE STORY
OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN TAIWAN, WE WILL BE MOST GRATEFUL
TO YOU.
YOURS RESPECTFULLY, WU YUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD,
JAMES H. TAYLOR, JR., PRESIDENT, CHINA EVANGELICAL SEMINARY.
END QUOTE.
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